Border Area Development Programme

2508. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Home Affairs has asked 17 States that have international borders, to speedily finalize their action plan under Border Areas Development Programme; (BADP) funded wholly by the Centre;

(b) whether the scheme was introduced in the seventh Five Year Plan, with the objective of balanced development of border areas in Western Region, and later extended to States bordering Bangladesh, Myanmar, China, Bhutan and Nepal;

(c) whether the Ministry has also stepped up financial assistance to cover major infrastructure projects such as building of bridges and border roads, and also proposes to construct 27 roads along the border with China; and

(d) if so, by when work on this project is likely to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes Sir, the programme was launched with focus on socio-economic development of border areas and to promote sense of security amongst the people living there.

(c) and (d) No major infrastructure projects are undertaken under BADP. Government of India has separately approved construction of 27 road links along India-China border. Most of these roads are to be completed by 2011.

Setting up of police liaison post on Indo-Myanmar border

2509. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, in a move that may help India keep tabs on the movement of North-East insurgents, Pakistan-based terrorists and smugglers,